

# **newsline** extra

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*Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.*

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## **LSTA Survey Announced**

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan and State Librarian Margaret M. Conroy invite you to provide feedback about the effectiveness of the programs available to Missouri libraries through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

LSTA funds may be used for two major purposes:

- 1) Technology and information access;
- 2) Targeted library services for special clientele.

State libraries may distribute LSTA funds through statewide initiatives and services and through grants or cooperative agreements to public, academic, research, school and special libraries in their state.

The State Library wants to ensure it is funding programs that best meet Missouri library needs. The survey asks your opinion of the current grants and statewide projects. It will take about 10 – 15 minutes to complete. Your suggestions are also wanted for new programs to address library needs. The target audience for the survey includes library staff and public library trustees.

The survey is available online through the month of May 2006 at:

[www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/lstasurvey](http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/lstasurvey)

Your participation in this survey is greatly appreciated. The survey results will be reported in an upcoming edition of *Newsline*. The results will be used to shape the LSTA program for FY2008 and beyond. Please encourage all library staff that work with LSTA or other grant programs to participate.

Please contact Diana Very at 800-325-0131 ext 16 or [diana.very@sos.mo.gov](mailto:diana.very@sos.mo.gov) if you have questions about the survey.

## **Library Ambassadors Workshops Return**

The Missouri State Library is sponsoring its Library Ambassadors Workshops again in 2006. These workshops are designed to help library directors and staffs across the state become better ambassadors for their libraries within their communities.

Workshops are scheduled for June 6 at the Poplar Bluff Public Library; June 8 at the Lebanon-Laclede County Library; and June 13 at the Ray County Library in Richmond. Trainers for all three workshops will be from the Institute of Public Policy at the Truman School of Public Affairs on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus.

Participants will gain knowledge and training in the areas of effective presentations, meeting management and community mobilization. Attendees will also gain skills in communicating the vision and mission of their library to their community.

Registration for this workshop is now open. Interested parties may register via the web at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/workshop/crafting>, by mail or by fax. For more information, contact Jason Ramsey at [jason.ramsey@sos.mo.gov](mailto:jason.ramsey@sos.mo.gov) or 800-325-0131, ext. 12

## State Budget Update

The Missouri General Assembly is putting the final touches on the state budget. Some notes of interest related to libraries are:

- MOREnet funding – Budget conference committee members gave MOREnet a 1% increase in funding over FY2006 levels;
- HB1012, containing funding for public libraries, is still in House and Senate budget conference.

## Missouri Libraries Receive Great Stories Club awards

Congratulations to the following Missouri public libraries and their partners for being chosen to receive Great Stories Club book club grants:

- Centralia Public Library, partnering with Champion Academy, Centralia
- St. Louis Public Library - Central, partnering with St. Louis City Juvenile Detention Center, St Louis
- University City Public Library, partnering with Alternative School, University City

The Great Stories Club is a book club grant program organized by the American Library Association Public Programs Office (PPO) and Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), with a grant from Oprah's Angel Network, to provide young adults with the opportunity to discuss books relevant to the challenges in their lives.

All types of libraries (public, school, academic and special), in partnership with facilities serving troubled teens (such as juvenile detention centers or alternative high schools) in the United States and its territories, were eligible to apply. Selected libraries will present three-part book club discussions featuring three theme-related books selected by YALSA for teen audiences.

Each library will receive ten sets of the three books to provide to members of the book club, along with online resources to plan and implement the program. Book selections, theme and program support materials are developed by YALSA's Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs Committee. The theme for the Great Stories CLUB will be teens facing challenges, and the following titles will be included:

- The First Part Last by Angela Johnson
- Born Blue by Han Nolan
- Stuck in Neutral by Terry Trueman

For more information about the Great Stories CLUB book club grants, visit the ALA Web site at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/ppo/currentprograms/greatstories/grtstoraward.htm>

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